

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, and 13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant AMENDS claims 1, 8, and 9.

Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 8, and 9 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection and that claims 2, 6, and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claims 1, 8, and 9 and the amendments to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection of base claims 1, 8, and 9.

The Examiner objected to claims 1, 8, and 9 for allegedly containing minor informalities. Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, and 9 to correct the minor informalities noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 1, 8, and 9.

Claims 1, 8, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, and 9 to eliminate "and/or." Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 8, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 8, and 9 are allowable. Claims 2, 6, and 13 depend upon claims 1 and 9, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that claims 1 and 9 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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